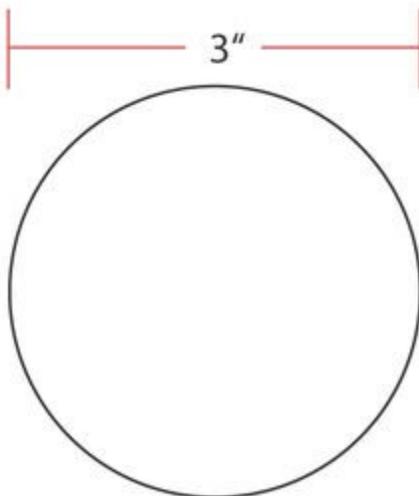


Literary Flowers



Materials:

1. Paper—sheet music or book papers
2. Scissors
3. Hot glue gun with glue sticks or multi-purpose liquid glue
3. A circle template (upside-down drinking glass or mason jar lid)
4. Floral wire and green floral tape or green pipe cleaners for making the flower stems (you can substitute with sticks or branches)
5. Need-nose pliers and wire cutter
6. Ink pad or watercolor paint to color flowers if you choose to do this.
7. Small buttons or beads for the center of the flowers if desired.



Step 1

Begin with a circle of paper cut to the overall dimension you want your flowers to be. You can use an inverted water glass or mason jar lid with a 2 or 3-inch mouth as my cutting template.

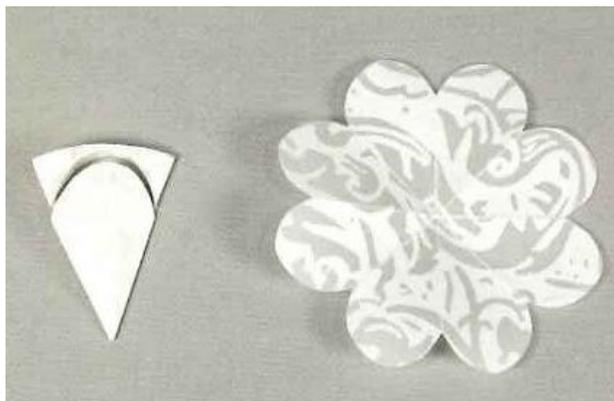
Step 2

Fold the disk of paper in half to create a semi-circle shape. The fold in to quarters and then once more into eighths.



Step 3

Use scissors to round the wide end of the segment as shown. Unfold the paper to reveal an 8-petal disk.



Step 4

Use the scissors to remove one of the petals. After making the incision, if you would like color use ink from a stamp pad or use watercolor paint on both sides of the flower to give it color.



Step 5

Close the gap created in previous step, by overlapping two petals and affixing them with glue. Hold in place until dry.



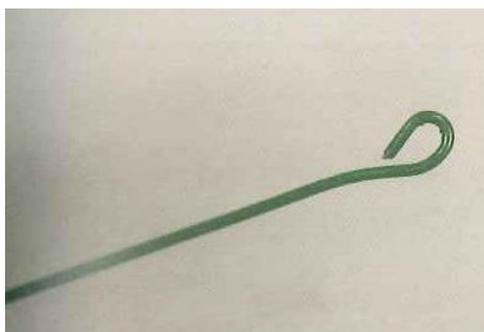
Step 6

Put the finishing touches on the blossom by gently crimping the end of each petal between your thumb and forefinger.



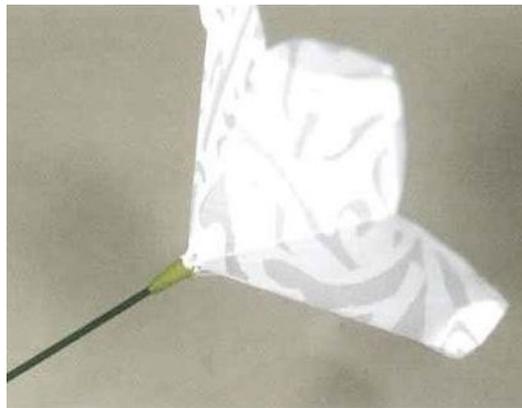
Step 7

Use needle nose pliers to create a small loop on one end of the wire. Wire can be cut to desired length. If you want, cover the loop with green floral tape. If using a branch or stick disregard this step.



Step 8

Carefully thread the wire or stick through the center of the flower (the tip should easily puncture the paper). Gently pull the stem down until the loop is firmly positioned in the center of the flower. Put a little glue in the center of the flower and at the base of the flower to adhere it to the stem.



Step 9

You can glue the small buttons or beads to the tip of the stem to add color at this point if you would like. Place the flowers in a vase, adjust the length of the stem for the desired height and Enjoy!



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